

# **TOWN OF RYE SELECT BOARD**

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Rye Town Hall**

**Present:** *Chair Bill Epperson, Vice-Chair Phil Winslow and Selectman Tom King*

**Others Present:** *Town Administrator Rebecca Bergeron*

## **I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Epperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **II. Work Session**

A representative from Recordsforce, Inc., 124 Heritage Ave, met with the Select Board to give a presentation on document management and digitizing the town's records. He answered questions from the Selectmen relating to record management needs of the town.

The Select Board agreed to reach out to other towns who use Recordsforce to ask questions about how they use the system. They also agreed that they would like to tour the Recordsforce facility. Further technical information about the system is needed.

## **III. Other Business**

Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Amy Thibodeau met with the Select Board to discuss recommendations for beach permit parking.

Chief Walsh explained that the Select Board created a sub-committee, which included himself, Amy, Mary Mitchell and Selectman Epperson. The sub-committee came up with some bullet points of what needs to be changed in the process of how the beach permits are issued from the Town Clerk's office. He noted that one of the challenges are the number of permits that are being issued to each household. Another challenge is that mopeds and scooters have become very popular over the last several years. Some of the scooters are parking in bicycle areas. He spoke with the Tax Collector about issuing parking permits to scooters, as it's considered a motor vehicle by DMV.

Chief Walsh stated that the goal now is to streamline the process of the Town Clerk's office and limit the number of permits that are given to a household. A resident must be a property owner or have a registered car in the town. That household would only be issued two permits with a third for a moped or motorcycle. If someone owns a property in town and rents it out, the property owner would decide if they want one or all of their permits to go to the renter. He noted

that he went back to the meeting minutes of 1988 and Jane Ireland was quoted as to “two per household” as being fair. However, it has now morphed into something different. Chief Walsh submitted a proposed list of the rules and guidelines for the parking permits to the Select Board for review.

Chief Walsh stated that he dealt with a situation where the home was under a trust in Rye and the car was registered to the individual who lives in Hampton. That person is getting a permit for that car and three others at the house. This is how this has morphed into a direction that wasn't intended and now there needs to be some specific boundary rules.

Ms. Thibodeau explained that there can be a property under a trust that has eight trustees. Right now, all eight trustees can get a sticker. Going forward with the proposed policy, they would have to choose the two people who would get the sticker. She noted that there is a property that has a one-bedroom cottage, which is owned by a family from Massachusetts. In the past, there have been up to ten people who have gotten stickers on that trust. This seems like people are taking advantage of the situation. Ms. Thibodeau pointed out that as the town gets more developments and continues to grow, in the foreseeable future those will be livable spaces. She would rather see this enacted now, so going forward there will be more control and they will know what they are dealing with.

Ms. Thibodeau noted that if the Select Board decides to enact the new policy, a copy of the policy would be enclosed with the tax bills. She commented that she and the Town Clerk discussed the fact that there will be some pushback from the residents about the new policy. However, she thinks the residents are intelligent and wise enough that with the explanation in hand, they will understand.

The Select Board reviewed the proposed policy. They asked questions in regards to how different situations would be handled by the Town Clerk's office. During discussion, some additions were made to the policy for clarification purposes.

Ms. Thibodeau agreed to make the changes to the policy as discussed and agreed upon. A copy will be sent to the Police Chief for the Select Board's approval at their next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion by Phil Walsh to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Seconded by Bill Epperson. All in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dyana F. Ledger

# *Beach Parking Permits*

The cost of each beach parking permit is \$25.00

Limit 2 vehicle stickers and 1 moped/motorcycle sticker per parcel.

The following requirements apply to purchasing beach parking permits for the 2022 season:

- You must be a Rye Property Owner (determined by the tax bill) and provide vehicle registrations stating the same name.
- No commercial vehicles, dealership plates or rental cars will be given beach stickers
- If you are a year-round renter, your landlord (property owner) must provide you with notarized letter forgoing one or all their allotted beach stickers. You must provide a 12-month lease agreement. Vehicle registrations must state your Rye address as your Legal address.
- Properties listed in a Trust will have to determine what 2 vehicles will get the Parking Permit.
- Beach Parking Permits are NOT for commercial use and will not be issued to any short term rental properties (VRBO, AirBNB ect..)

All beach parking permits **must be permanently affixed** to assigned vehicles as indicated on the permit.

Motel Owners and property owners with cottages will receive no than two beach parking permits for guests and are exempt from permanently affixing the permits to guests' vehicles.

- Motel and cottage parking permits shall not be issued until Cabin Licensing fees are paid.

Any alteration or transference of a beach parking permit to another vehicle other than the vehicle it was assigned to is a VIOLATION of the Town's Beach Parking Ordinance adopted March 13, 1956 and is punishable by a \$100.00 fine in accordance with RSA 31:30.

Any exception to the aforementioned rules must be approved by the Rye Selectboard.